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MINISTRY OF FOOD & AGRICULTURE (Department of Food)

ORDER

New Delhi, the 9th July, 1957.

S.R.O. 2258-A.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Central Government hereby makes the following Order, namely:—

1. **Short title, extent and commencement.**—(1) This Order may be called the Rice (Southern Zone) Movement Control Order, 1957.

(2) It extends to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madras and Mysore.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Definitions.**—In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "export" means to take or cause to be taken out of any place within the Southern Zone to any place outside it;

(b) "import" means to take or cause to be taken into any place within the Southern Zone from any place outside it;

(c) "rice" includes paddy and products of rice and paddy;

(d) "State Government" means the Government of a State included in the Southern Zone;

(e) "Southern Zone" means the territory comprised within the States of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Madras and Mysore.

3. **Restrictions on export and import of rice.**—(1) No person shall export or attempt to export or abet the export of rice from any place within the Southern Zone except under and in accordance with a permit issued by the State Government concerned or any officer authorised in this behalf by that Government subject to the condition that such exports under permits shall be regulated in accordance with export quotas fixed by the Central Government in this behalf from time to time.

(2) No person shall import or attempt to import or abet the import of rice into any place within the Southern Zone:

Provided that nothing contained in sub-clauses (1) and (2) shall apply to the export of rice from and import of rice into any place within the Southern Zone—

(i) not exceeding five seers in weight in the aggregate by a *bona fide* traveller as part of his luggage; or

(ii) on Government account; or

(iii) under and in accordance with Military Credit Notes.

4. Powers of entry, search, seizure, etc.—Any Police Officer not below the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector and any other person authorised in this behalf by the State Government concerned or the Central Government may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order or to satisfying himself that this Order has been complied with,—

- (1) stop and search, or authorise any person to stop and search, any person, boat, motor or any vehicle or receptacle used or capable of being used for the export or import of rice;
- (2) enter and search or authorise any person to enter and search any place;
- (3) seize or authorise the seizure of any article in respect of which he suspects that any provision of this Order has been, is being or is about to be contravened along with the packages, coverings, or receptacles in which such article is found or the animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances used in carrying such article and thereafter take or authorise the taking of all measures necessary for securing the production of the packages, coverings, receptacles, animals, vehicles, vessels, boats or conveyances so seized, in a court and for their safe custody pending such production.

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